

APPROVED MINUTES

Housing and Redevelopment Authority in and for the City of Bloomington

1800 West Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, Minnesota 55431

Tuesday, October 06, 2015
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

- 1 Call to Order** Chairman Thorson called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
Present: Commissioners Thorson, Fossum, Carlson, Lewis, Coulter
Staff: Hartman, Zimmerman
- 2 Approval of Agenda** M/Fossum, N/Coulter to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 3-0.
- 3 Approval of Minutes**
- 3.1 Approval of Minutes - September 22, 2015** M/Coulter, S/Fossum to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2015 HRA Board meeting as published. Motion carried, 3-0.
- 4 Unfinished or Organizational Business** None.
- 5 New Business**
- 5.1 Approval of 2016 Agency Plan and Section 8 Administrative Plan** Hartman explained that a public hearing was held on September 8, 2015 to hear comments on the 2016 Agency Plan and Section 8 Administrative Plan. No action was taken at that time in order to allow staff the opportunity to address comments received from Legal Aid. Staff worked with legal counsel to review the letter and make changes deemed necessary.

(Carlson arrived at 5:33 p.m.)

Hartman noted that a significant change to the Administrative Plan was to draft a reasonable accommodation policy to include in Appendix K. This sets forth procedures to address reasonable accommodation requests from households with a disabled family member in order for them to utilize the program. Staff will develop a reasonable accommodation request form to provide to participants.

(Lewis arrived at 5:36 p.m.)

The remaining changes to the plan were included in the agenda. All changes and comments will be forwarded to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

M/Fossum, S/Carlson to approve the plans and certifications for the 2016 Agency Plan and Section 8 Administrative Plan. Motion carried, 5-0.

5.2 Action Items

Blighted Property Program

Hartman stated Habitat for Humanity has submitted revised plans for the property they are purchasing from the HRA on Wentworth Avenue. Hartman will forward the plans to the Board. Closing will take place in November and construction is scheduled to begin in June 2016.

Other

Coulter pointed out a news story in the Star Tribune which reports that the City of Edina may consider adopting a policy whereby developers can buy their way out of building affordable housing. Those fees would then be used by the city to develop affordable housing projects.

Hartman stated staff has been researching inclusionary housing policies and will bring the subject to the Board for discussion at a future HRA meeting.

6 Adjournment

M/Lewis, S/Carlson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.